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TUESDAY, MARCH, 20, 1888.

Letters From the Old Country!

(No. 8.)

St. Paul's Cathedral.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock we attended St. Paul's Cathedral. This is the most prominent building in London, standing on a slight eminence, and raising the top of the cross that mounts the dome 363 feet toward heaven. The history, sacred and profane, that clusters about this site, and the various temples and places of worship that have in turn occupied it, cover many centuries, and have been witness to the most thrilling events in civil and ecclesiastical experience. The various urns and other vessels used in temple service, that have been discovered at the depth of many feet, when digging for the foundation of the present edifice, incline many to the belief that a church was built here by the Christian Romans and afterward destroyed by the Pagan Saxons. The first building that has authentic history was built in 610 A. D. by King Ethelbert. Since then three distinct edifices have been entirely destroyed by fire, while portions of each have suffered at various times from the same element. There were many years that nothing better than a ruin occupied the spot, some of the better parts being used as work shops, wine cellars, a theatre and a promenade.

During successive reigns, when

Catholicism and Protestantism vi-

brated the whole nation, attempts

were made to restore this edifice to

its proper condition and use, but the civil wars that abounded constantly interfered. Here heretics have been made to recant, witches to confess, Luther was condemned by the Pope, Wycliffe was cited for heresy, and Tyndale's copies of the New Testament were burned. After the terrible London fire of 1666, when every trace of this cathedral was destroyed, proper steps were taken for its rebuilding. Sir Christopher Wren was the architect, Thomas Strong the master mason, and Dr. Compton the bishop, and these three men were permitted to live and fill their several positions during the 35 years that ensued until it was completed. The building is in the form of a Latin cross, surmounted by a magnificent dome. There are only two churches in christendom larger than this. St. Peter's in Rome is so much larger, that St. Paul's could be stood within it and have much room to spare in every direction. This church, however, is stupenduous! The groinings are all hidden in magnificent arches, finished in elaborate carvings. The pillars on every hand are enormous. The vastness in every direction is overpowering. The organ is in two parts, half on each side of the choir, and the works are connected under the floor. The choir of boys is very fine, some remarkable voices leading the service, but a most trying echo disturbed what might otherwise have been sensations too exalted for earth. Marble, gilding, mosaics and stained glass are used in embellishing the interior. The wood carvings throughout are very fine. Many scenes in the lives of the Apostles are represented in

some of the party with whom we within these gardens is said to be shared our delightful visit at Killar- the finest in the world.

DEATH OF EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY!

The mail steamer Alameda, brought the sad news of the death of Emperor William, which took place at the Palace in Berlin, at 8.30 on the morning of March 9. Had he lived twelve days longer, he would have been 91 years of age. He was the oldest of reigning sovereigns, and his career was one of the most remarkable. He was born March 22, 1797. He descended from the Hohenzollern family, the name of which is derived from the mountain castle of Zollern, in southwestern Germany. His military career commenced when he was quite young, and he served as Colonel in the battle of Waterloo, which ended the career of Napoleon I. In 1858 he became regent and in 1861 he was created King of Prussia, at Konigsburg.

In 1864 he engaged in war with Denmark, and wrested from her the province of Schleswig-Holstesn. In 1866 he joined Italy in a war with Austria, which ended in the consolidation of the German principalities, which before had been united with Aus-

In 1870, France declared war with Germany, which resulted in the defeat of the French army and the capture of Paris. Napoleon surrendered on the 2d of September at Sedan with nearly 100,000 troops. One after another all the French Generals were defeated by the Germans. With France at his feet the Prussian King occupied the palace at Versailles and there, after consulting the German States and procuring the assent of Austria, he was invested with Charlemagne's iron crown and declared Emperor of Germany. In March, 1871, he returned to Berlin and addressed the Imperial Parliament from the marble throne of Charlemagne, brought from Aix-la-Chapelle.

The last eighteen years of his life have been spent in peace and in seeking the development of the German Empire. As a ruler he has been idolized by his people, and his death will be sincerely mourned by Germans and others in every part of the

"No ruler that ever lived was more thoroughly a believer in the Divine right of Kings' than William I., King of Pressia and Emperor of Germany. Every incident in his long career emphasizes this fact, from the days of his haughty, impulsive boyhood to the very latest hour of his reign. This spirit of opposition to the universal spread of enfranchisement from the serf-like thraldom of olden times makes the extreme popularity of the aged Emperor a never-ceasing wonder to Americans. It can be explained only upon the ground that patriotism when fanned by the breath of war, burns more brightly than it does during the calms of peace. Prussia, proud of her conquests, forgot the bickerings of past years, and bowed down with love and respectful admiration before him who led her on to victory. The extreme age of her ruler and his natural kindliness of heart strengthened the bond of affection between him and his people, and the result is that to-day the nation sincerely mourns his loss and prays that his successor may not stray from the path outlined by him who is gone. Germany, outside of Prussia, has also learned to worship at the shrine of this grand old hero, and it is an undoubted fact that among the sovereigns now ruling none. except perhaps, Victoria of England, will be so greatly honored in the memory of their people as will be the dead Kaiser."

stained glass and mosaic. Tablets ney. With them the next day we and monuments to the memory of visited the beautiful Botanical Garcelebrated men fill many niches and dens at Kew. Less than a half-hour render this building a national Tem- by rail brought us to this charming ple of Fame. It is interesting to suburban point. The few hours deknow that the first one laid to rest | voted to this visit did not permit a within these walls was Sir Christo- | comprehensive survey of its many pher Wren the architect. Principal | wonderful collections of plants, nor among the dead are naval and mili- suffer us to explore its pleasure tary heroes. Nelson and Welling- grounds which cover 270 acres. But ton, Chas. Napier, monuments to the time spent in a few of the hot Crimean heroes, Howard the philan-houses was delightful. Here we thropist, the painters Reynolds, found many of the palms, cocoanuts, Turner, Landseer and West, Bishop | gingers, parasites, bananas and even Heber and scores of others too nu- the kukui tree with which we are so merous to mention. In the upper familiar. Other het houses held part of the south transept is a library | water lilies in all their glory. The of 9000 volumes, founded by Bishop giant allemanda looked down with Compton. In the interior of the a pleasant smile from one end of the cupola is the Whispering Gallery, room; the China hibiscus filled a remarkable for the transmission of corner of a porch, and the plumbago slight sounds. A whisper breathed looked rank enough for the tropics. upon the wall at one side of the One immense house with many gallery is heard at the other side of | wings was devoted to orchids, and the semicircle 160 feet away, by we longed to convey the picture of anyone standing near the wall, their wealth and glory to some of From here the ceiling paintings are our Honolulu friends. Their highest in full view, as well as the whole bloom was past, but enough remained interior of the church. A peal of to be very educating and entrancbells was hung in one of the towers ing to the beholder. Nearly, if not BE IT REMEMBERED, THAT on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1887, THOMAS G. THRUM of Honolulu, Island of Oahn, in accordance with Section 3 of "An Act to encourage learning in this Kingdom by securing the copies of Charts and Books to the authors and Proprietors of such copies, approved on the 31st of December, A. D. 1864 has deposited in this office the tutle of his Book, entitled Hawahan Almanac and Annual Position of any of the Royal Family, the Bishop of London and Lord Mayor.

Bells was hung in one of the towers in 1878, Lady Burdette Coutts being one of the givers. They are not soften rung in chimes. The great bell which weighs over five tons is only rung at the death and funeral of any of the Royal Family, the Bishop of London and Lord Mayor.

A pleasant experience that even
A pleasant experience that even-A pleasant experience that even- for our Honolulu enthusiasts. The ing was meeting most unexpectedly collection of botanic wealth contained

We spent a short half-hour in a house devoted to a collection of woods from all parts of the British Empire. Here were slabs of giant trees 40 feet and over in length, showing the wood in its natural state, likewise dressed, and highly polished. All the grand old woods from Bible times till now were laid before us like a mighty book, the heavy leaves bearing the tracings of hundreds of years of their life history. Many curiosities of nature were among the specimens. A ring of a tree from Canada, 200 years old measured 8 feet in diameter, and a little twig from Australia, a bit of eucalyptus wood, weighed nearly 11 tons! A glass case contained directions, practically applied, for inlaying wood in every device, and yet another object lesson was the complete process of preparing indigo for the market, as pursued in India.

The American Fleot-

(To be Continued.)

The Alta California of the 9th inst. contains the following item of unvarnews: Under instructions from the Navy Department, Captain C. W. Schoonmacker, who has been for some time on waiting orders, has been ordered to join the flagship of the Pacific Squadron—the Vandalia—now lying in Honolulu Bay, Lieut, Wm. G. Hannum of the steamer Ranger has also been ordered to join the Vandalia, and the officers will leave on the Oceanie steamer sailing from this port on the